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AF&PA Key Vote “Yes” on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Dear Senator/Representative:

I am writing to urge you to vote “yes” on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. **AF&PA plans to score this as a key vote on our “Grow the Vote” Congressional scorecard.**

More than three decades have passed since our nation modernized its tax system. In that time, unfortunately, other countries have gained the upper hand through lower rates that often make our companies and products less competitive in the domestic and global market place.

The result: America’s job growth and industry competitiveness are at risk, and Congress needs to act now.

Congress has an historic window of opportunity to repair a broken tax system and encourage long-term economic growth, job creation, investment and competition. As one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the country, we are supportive of Congress’s effort.

We are 900,000 employees strong in rural and urban communities across 45 states, account for approximately four percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP and meet an annual payroll of approximately \$50 billion. Removing barriers to new investment and job creation is essential to future competitiveness – for our industry and others – as our nation has fallen behind. We encourage policy makers to focus on the task at hand to set a foundation for growth for generations to come.

Congressional passage of The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will repair a broken tax system that is restraining the country’s economic promise. Paper and wood products manufacturers urge Congress to pass this bill as a step toward enactment of a pro-growth tax code that supports investment and is globally competitive.

Please feel free to reach out to Elizabeth Bartheld at Elizabeth_Bartheld@afandpa.org if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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